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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT FOR ILLA SALIFOU AS NIGER AMBASSADOR
TO U.S.

FOR AF/W LOUGHRAN

1. IN NOTE DATED JUNE 4, 1974, MFA REQUESTS AGREEMENT FOR ILLA SALIFOU, CURRENTLY DIRECTOR OF CABINET IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY, AS AMBASSADOR TO U.S., AS SUCCESSOR TO AMBASSADOR ABDOULAYE DIALLO, WHO IS BEING ASSIGNED ELSEWHERE.

2. COMMENT: WE RECOGNIZE THAT REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT BY NIGER EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON BUT BECAUSE GON HOPES TO MOVE AHEAD EXPEDITIOUSLY WITH APPOINTMENT AND HAS ITS OWN POUCH AND COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS BETWEEN HERE AND WASHINGTON, I UNDERTOOK AT SPECIAL REQUEST OF ACTING FONMIN TO FORWARD REQUEST IN OUR CHANNELS. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S EARLY RESPONSE.

3. SALIFOU'S CURRICULUM VITAE AS SET FORTH IN MFA NOTE FOLLOWS:

NAME: ILLA SALIFOU

BIRTHDAY AND PLACE: FEBRUARY 17, 1932, MADAOUA, NIGER.

FAMILY STATUS: MARRIED, SEVEN CHILDREN.

EDUCATION: SCHOOLS IN NIGER AND FRANCE.

LANGUAGE: FRENCH, SOME ENGLISH.

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1950-1956 PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT.

1957-1959 ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY IN COLONIAL GOVERNMENT,
NIGER.

1960 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

1960-1961 DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE
SECTION, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE.

1961-1966 FIRST SECRETARY, THEN COUNSELOR OF NIGER
EMBASSY, WASHINGTON.

1968-1970 DIRECTOR OF CABINET, MFA.

AND 1971-DATE DIRECTOR OF CABINET, MFA.

1970-1971 DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS,
MFA.

OTHER: MEMBER OF NIGER DELEGATION TO 16TH THROUGH 24TH
AND 26TH SESSION OF UNGA; TO MEETINGS OF IBRD,
IDA & ICAO AND TO OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS 1967-1971.
HONORS: HONORARY CITIZEN OF KANSAS CITY, MISS. AND
DECORATIONS FROM FRANCE AND GERMANY.

4. COMMENT: SALIFOU IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO EMBASSY,
IS ONE OF MOST EXPERIENCED MEMBERS OF MFA AND HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE
SERVICE IN US BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND UN.
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